

PRAYER MEETING (Seven:14)
Every Wednesday Evening at 7.14 pm
BOY'S BRIGADE

Tuesdays: Anchors 6.00 pm - 7.00pm (In church)
Juniors 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm at Madeley Rest Room (Church Street)

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COFFEE MORNINGS

10.30 am Every Monday and Thursday in Church

MBC

1st November 2009

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Welcome to our Services today

Sunday 1st November

10.30 am: Service led by Rev'd Ray Gill

6.30 pm: Communion led by Edwin

'One thing I do know - I was blind, but now I see!'
(Jn 9 V25)

Remembrance Sunday 8th November:

There will be **no morning service** at MBC on Sunday 8th November.

Service at St Michael's at 10.00.a.m. followed by a service at the War Memorial at 10.45.a.m. 6.30pm will be Remembrance/Preaching evening



Dates for the Diary:

2nd November : 7.30pm - Church Officers Meeting in church

Note change of dates below:

14th November : 9.00am Prayer Meeting for Madeley Baptist church and its Mission in and around Madeley and further afield

16th November : 7.30pm - Church Members meeting



PREMIER CHRISTIAN RADIO

Premier Christian Radio, which is already available via the television on Sky, Virgin and Freeview, has been awarded a national DAB licence, which means it is now available on Digital Radios across the country. They have taken over the former Day One Radio studios in Wolverhampton, which are used to record the devotional Our Daily Bread which is broadcast as part of each day's breakfast programme. More details available online at premier.org.uk.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

The Bible Society has a revamped website which contains lots of resources for downloading. Visit it at www.biblesociety.org.uk

CAROL SINGING

On Saturday 28 November in Wellington there will be a major carol singing event with accompanied by the Wellington Town Band
On Friday 18 December outside the House of Frazer, in the Town Centre, the Salvation Army band will be playing carols and shoppers will be encouraged to join in.

TELFORD AND WREKIN INTERFAITH GROUP

INTERFAITH PARTY

IN

LITTLE WENLOCK VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

7.00 - 9.30PM

MUSIC FROM DRIFTWOOD, DHANDIA (STICK DANCING, ISRAELI DANCING, BHANGRA DANCING, CLASSICAL INDIAN DANCING, VEGETARIAN FOOD, NEW FRIENDS!

TICKETS £5.00

UNDER 12S - £1.00

CONCESSIONS - £4.00



The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.
The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything..

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Check out our website for lots more info and the Minister's blogspot.

When Graham and I were in Oxford last week, we met a Salvation Army man, who gave us a copy of the SA 'War Cry', from which I have taken the following article. It is written by Audrey Fairbrother

Will we meet who we're looking for?

LONDON'S St Pancras International Station has a new landmark - the Meeting Place - which enables people to meet up without confusion. The 9 metre high bronze statue depicts a couple greeting each other. Not only does it evoke the romance of travel, but it is also an ideal can't-miss-it location for uniting travellers.



Many years ago in my role as a social worker, I accompanied a child to Birmingham New St station where we were to meet her father, who was travelling by train from Devon. We had no particular landmark defined as our meeting point, so our plan was to meet at our platform's exit.

Time ticked by and there was no sign of him. Were we waiting at the right spot? As mobile phones were not in common use then, we had no means of communicating with each other. After some time, my young companion spotted her father. Thankfully, we had been waiting in the right location after all.

In the Bible, many people travelled far and wide because they wanted to meet Jesus. Some were sick, some were social outcasts. Some were ordinary people with ordinary lives, who wanted to see Jesus and hear what he had to say. When people came to him, they brought their worries, fears, pains and problems. He listened to them, treated them with compassion, gave them strength, offered forgiveness and changed their lives.

Today, Jesus offers to do the same for us. Wherever life has taken us, he can give us healing and peace. Whatever our hopes for the future, he offers to journey with us.

As he travelled from Damascus to persecute Christians, the Bible writer Paul met Jesus. That brief encounter changed the direction of Paul's life and the history of the world. It led him to conclude that 'my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 4:19).

Whatever our need, wherever we are, Jesus will meet us.

Pause for thought from Averil's pen:

'I don't know about you, but sometimes, people say something which keeps cropping up in my mind, long after they said it. For example, Stella said some years ago at Bible Study (I can't recall what we were studying, although it must have been about Jesus) and she said: "Then, there's the 'cheap' grace".

This makes me think. Am I guilty of "cheap grace"? Of not doing something, going somewhere for the Lord, taking the easy way out? I would suspect the answer is a resounding 'Yes!'

This leaves me in a quandary. I know I should be doing it, but apathy sets in. Another thing that crosses my mind is the explanation we had in the Newsletter some time ago regarding the Lord's Prayer, where it said something along the lines of: "How can I pray 'Lead me not into temptations path' when I deliberately go there?" This may tie up with the song from 'My Fair Lady' when Eliza's father sings a line which goes something like "When temptation comes, you'll go right in"

How easy it seems to be tempted "I'll do that tomorrow" (which never comes), or "I'll go and see so and so", but other things crop up and before you know it, a week or a month has passed, by which time the impetus has gone.

I have recently read the Psalms - using the Living Word Bible and in Psalm 19, one verse warns of not going down temptation's path, and this seems to me to lead to the Lord's Prayer. Maybe Jesus was thinking of this Psalm when he told his disciples how to pray.

We are fortunate in having a Living Saviour, One who knows all about temptation and other problems we encounter as we journey through our lives here on earth. He is willing to help us - as the song goes:

*"Ask the Saviour to help you
Comfort, strengthen and keep you
He is willing to save you
He will carry you through"*

